

A2 an air blower for generating an air stream that carries the agglomerated particles through an air conduit which has an orifice between the storage chamber and the air conduit;

a nozzle downstream of the orifice, from which the air stream and agglomerated particles shoots;

wherein a velocity of the air stream in the conduit is sufficient to carry the agglomerated particles from the orifice to the nozzle and be shot therefrom with the air stream.

A3 9. (Amended) The spreader according to claim 1, wherein the air blower comprises a vane impeller that strike the agglomerated particles to break them into smaller particles prior to being shot out of the nozzle.

Please add the following new claims:

A4 11. (New) The spreader according to claim 9, wherein the van impeller includes curved vanes that impact the agglomerated particles to direct the trajectory of the agglomerated particles out of the nozzle.

12. (New) The spreader according to claim 1, wherein the agglomerated particles are rock salt.